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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A carrier tool for cutting plates in a metal-removing cutting tool, wherein the cutting plate rests against at least one plate-seat wall in the carrier tool, and a fine adjustment element is provided for the adjustment of the position of the cutting plate, wherein the fine adjustment element comprises a rotatable adjustment bolt with a conical lateral surface, wherein the conical lateral surface forms a plate-seat wall, and the adjustment bolt is arranged in a guide bore and this guide bore extends at an angle b in relation to the plate-seat wall wherein the lateral surface changes, at the greatest radial extent of the conical surface, into a cylindrical surface with the same radial extent.

2. (canceled)

- 3. (currently amended) A carrier tool according to <u>claim 1</u> <u>claim 2</u>, wherein the diameter of the cylinder surface on the adjustment bolt is equal to the diameter of the guide bore.
- 4. (previously presented) A carrier tool according to claim 1, wherein at its one end the adjustment bolt has an external thread or a threaded bore.
- 5. (previously presented) A carrier tool according to claim 1, wherein the conical surface has a cone angle a of 1° to 30°.
- 6. (previously presented) A carrier tool according to claim 1, wherein the angle b is approximately half as large as the angle a.
- 7. (previously presented) A carrier tool according to claim 1, wherein for rotation purposes on one end face the adjustment bolt has a slot, hexagon socket, torx or screw drive.

- 8. (previously presented) A carrier tool according to claim 1, wherein the adjustment bolt is made of hardened steel, hard metal or industrial ceramic material.
- 9. (previously presented) A carrier tool for cutting plates in a metal-removing cutting tool, wherein the cutting plate rests against at least one plate-seat wall in the carrier tool, and a fine adjustment element is provided for the adjustment of the position of the cutting plate, wherein the fine adjustment element comprises a rotatable adjustment bolt with a lateral surface that is formed as a conical surface, wherein the conical surface forms a plate-seat wall, and the adjustment bolt is arranged in a cylindrically shaped guide bore that extends at an angle b in relation to the plate seat wall.
- 10. (previously presented) The carrier tool of claim 10, wherein the guide bore is cylindrically shaped.

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